

### Supporting the Community with Cultural and Educational Programs



# CUPERTINO LIBRARY FOUNDATION 2024 IMPACT REPORT

# **OUR MISSION**

The mission of the Cupertino Library Foundation is to provide financial and creative support for diverse educational and cultural programs in collaboration with the Cupertino Library

#### LETTER FROM THE CLF BOARD PRESIDENT



Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we reflect on 2024, I am incredibly proud of CLF's accomplishments and deeply grateful for the unwavering support of our community. This year,

we stepped up to help navigate the city's budget challenges, ensuring that beloved programs like Shakespeare in the Park and Summer Movies in the Park could continue despite potential cuts.

We expanded our initiatives, introducing a lecture series on sustainability and workshops that spotlight the creative talents within our community. Our partnership with AAPA led to the successful AAPI Multicultural Festival, which engaged nearly 300 attendees, and the Teacher's Mini Grant program, which provided funding to benefit over 1,000 students. We remain dedicated to advocacy and fundraising efforts to revitalize key library spaces, including the beloved aquarium, ensuring these cherished resources continue to elevate our community. Our recent aquarium survey, completed by 388 respondents, underscored the vital role this feature plays within the library and highlighted opportunities for enhancement. With these insights, we are preparing to refurbish the saltwater tank, aligning its renewal with the library's Enchanted Space installation in Fall 2025.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited to embrace Silicon Valley Reads' theme of Technology for Good, empowering our community to explore how emerging technologies can enhance our lives, strengthen our connections, and support a sustainable future.

There is so much on the horizon, and we invite you to join us on this journey. Together, we will continue to enrich our community and step into the future with optimism and purpose.

Warm regards, **Carrie Young**President, Cupertino Library Foundation Board

# Our Programs

# ARTS and CULTURE



We believe fostering creativity and artistic expression deepens our understanding of diverse perspectives and strengthens emotional connections within the community. Our goal is to enhance the quality of life through the beauty and reflection art brings.

## **EDUCATION**



We believe investing in education is essential for personal growth and a more fulfilling life. Through literacy and STEAM programs, we aim to inspire curiosity, expand knowledge, and foster a culture of continuous learning in our community.

# SUSTAINABILITY

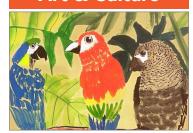


We believe in the importance of promoting sustainable solutions to responsibly manage natural resources, protect the environment, and preserve our planet for future generations. Our mission is to foster eco-conscious practices that ensure long-term sustainability.

# 2024 Activities

# **OUR ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### **Art & Culture**



- Art Displays
- Chamber Music by the Bay
- · Creatives in Residence
- Family Movie Nights (Film Series)
- · Movies in the Park
- Shakespeare in the Park
- · Silicon Valley Reads
- Summer Music In the Courtyard

#### **Education**



- · AAPI Multi Cultural Festival
- · AI Demo Series
- Cupertino Library 20 Year Anniversary
- CUSD School Library Support pilot program
- Fall Festival: Gateway to Learning
- FUHSD Memoir writing class
- · Pop Up Bug Museum
- S4: Super Summer Science Search
- · Series: Mindfulness and Compassion
- Theory and Practice
- TAC Grant
- · Teacher's mini grant

#### Sustainability



- Holiday Swap Market (DIY Holiday Gifts)
- Paper shredding and recycling event (Annual)
- Silicon Valley Reads
- · Sustainability Program
- Aquarium Refresh

# CUPERTINO LIBRARY AQUARIUM UPDATE

In 2004 the completely redesigned and rebuilt, 54,000-square-foot library facility opened in Cupertino.

A defining feature of the new facility is a sixteenfoot-long 3,240-gallon saltwater aquarium, donated by Fred and Annie Chan in memory of Fred's father, Mr. Pak Chung Chan.

The current library building is 20 years old, and the aquarium has degraded due to age and inconsistent maintenance.

The Cupertino Library Foundation started an initiative to update and refresh the aquarium to bring it back to its original condition or change the format to be one of various freshwater options.

As part of this initiative, CLF hired a consultant to determine the feasibility and costs for the various options.

In addition to the work of the consultant a public

survey was conducted that showed broad support for the aquarium in general and its refresh.

CLF also reached out to potential major donors for the project, including the son of the original donor. At this point we believe that we have found donors for the bulk of the project, including major funding from The Cupertino Library Foundation.

Based on major donor wishes, Saltwater Refresh was chosen as the project objective.

We are moving ahead to obtain a contractor to do the work with a completion targeted for summer of 2025.



Original view



Current view

# **ABOUT US**

# INITIATIVES IMPACT

Pillar	Events & Projects Funded	Attendee Count
Education	11	7099
Arts & Culture	35	4733
Sustainability	8	580

## Our Board

Carrie Young, Board President
Jim Davis, Board Vice President
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# **OUR PARTNERS**

City of Cupertino
Forum Health Fund
Likhachev Foundation
Cupertino Chamber Of Commerce
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Cupertino Parks and Recreation
Cupertino Senior Center
Cupertino Rotary Club

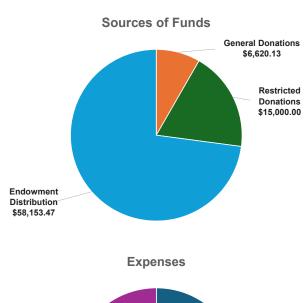
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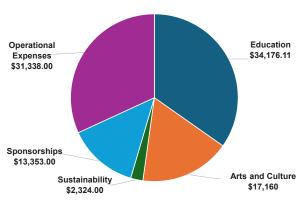
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#### **OUR FINANCES**

The Cupertino Library Foundation is a 501C3 chartered to support educational and cultural programs in collaboration with the Cupertino Library. Our main sources of funds are earnings from our endowment and donations from the public and various corporations. Our expenses are mostly for programs including materials, speaker fees, and contest awards.





In 2024, the Cupertino Library Foundation's financial resources were thoughtfully allocated across three key categories: Program Funding aligned with our core pillars of Education, Arts & Culture, and Sustainability; Event Sponsorships that foster community engagement; and essential Operational Costs that ensure our continued effectiveness and organizational health. Importantly, 100% of our board members serve on a volunteer basis, allowing us to maximize the impact of every dollar contributed. This commitment to stewardship and transparency reflects our dedication to enriching the community through the support of the Cupertino Library and its patrons.